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Also, in compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, U.S. Patent No. 6,451,962 B1 and EP 1 170 303 A1 correspond to WO 00/26260.

U.S. Patent No. 6,451,962 B1 was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 18, 2006.

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